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TO: COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PESTICIDE ILLNESS INVESTIGATION

New Year's greetings from the staff of Worker Health and Safety. Now that flows of work and water seem to be returning towards normal, we would like to thank you for your help from the past year and remind you of our interest in the illness cases referred to you for investigation.

In the coming year, we hope to start providing information back to you based on the investigations you have done in recent years. Many of the deputies have reviewed sample reports of county-specific illness data at recent area group meetings. They provided helpful feedback, and we are working on incorporating their suggestions. We look forward to developing these reports, and hope to see illness surveillance become a genuinely cooperative and mutually beneficial program.

Sincerely,

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